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1. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED LIST OF 160 NAMES OF PRISONERS AMNESTIED BY PINOCHET DECEMBER 18. FOLLOWING NINE PERSONS HAD SUBMITTED ACTIVE APPLICATIONS FOR PAROLE PROGRAM: RENE EDUARDO POZO CARDENAS, CARMEN RITA QUEZADA FERNANDEZ, RAUL SAAVEDRA SEPULVEDA, MARCIA ELIZALDE SXANTLEBURY, JAIME MANUEL ZURITA CAMPOS, GUILLERMO CAMPUSANO FARIAS, OSVALDO RAUL ANDRADE LARA, CARMEN XIMENA ANDRADE LARA, AND MIGUEL ALVAREZ ROJAS. PEACE COMMITTEE WORKER MARIA LORETO PELISSIER (SANTIAGO 8161) IS ALSO ON LIST. ONLY OTHER NAME FAMILIAR TO EMBASSY IS THAT OF CONSTRUCTION UNION LEADER HECTOR HUGO CUEVAS SALVADOR (PARA FOUR, SANTIAGO 5358).

2. CATHOLIC PRIESTS ARE INCLUDED IN AMNESTY, IN ADDITION TO LIST OF 160. DISCREPANCY EXISTS IN PRESS REPORTING CONCERNING WHICH PRIESTS WERE GRANTED AMNESTY. GOC OFFICIAL STATEMENT QUOTES PRESIDENT PINOCHET: "I HAVE ALSO DIRECTED THAT THE DETAINED PRIESTS BE RELEASED, BECAUSE THEY HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT THEY WERE TO BLAME." OFFICIAL STATEMENT DOES NOT LIST NAMES, BUT GOC OWNED "EL CRONISTA" NAMES FATHERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RAFAEL MAROTO, FERNANDO SALAS, GERARDO WHELAN, PATRICIO

CARIOLA AND PATRICIO GAJARDO. "EL MERCURIO" AND OTHER DECEMBER 19 DAILIES DO NOT MENTION GAJARDO. WITH REGARD TO DONOSO, ONLY "MERCURIO" MENTIONS IN PASSING THAT HE HAD BEEN RELEASED ON BAIL. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING CONFIRM WITH CHURCH SOURCES THAT ALL PRIESTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED AMNESTY BUT SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL, AS MOST SOURCES CURRENTLY OUT OF SANTIAGO IN CONNECTION WITH EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE.

- 3. "MERCURIO" ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED MILITARY COURT OF APPEAL DECISION RE SHEILA CASSIDY WHICH SUPPORTED MILITARY PROSECUTOR'S DECISION NOT TO INDICT HER (REF B).
- 4. UNDER CURRENT CRITERIA OF PAROLE PROGRAM, NINE APPLICANTS ON LIST WILL NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE IF THEY ARE IN FACT FREE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS. POPPER

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